

RICHTER PARK AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES
Virtual meeting via Zoom
Tuesday, June 15, 2021, 6:00 PM

In compliance with Connecticut General Statute § 1-225, these minutes are being provided for informational purposes and are subject to approval of the Richter Park Authority Board of Directors at its next regular meeting.

Chairman John Priola opened the meeting at 6:01 PM.

Members present: John Priola, Al Mead, Bob Eberhard, Leroy Diggs, Wendy Grispin and Judy Griemsmann.

Also present: Karen Madaus, Business Manager, Jonathan Pinto, Head Professional and Rob Dorsch, Golf Course Superintendent.

Absent: George Radachowsky, Pete Siecienski, Don LoRusso, Paul DiNardo and Felix Bonacci.

Public participation

none

Approve minutes of previous meetings

Mr. Mead made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 18th RPA meeting.

Mr. Diggs seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Correspondence

None.

Arts Association

Ms. Griemsmann stated that the Arts Board is still looking for a timeline on the Richter House work. Mr. Dorsch stated that the House can be used in the fall for Arts programs. The Arts Board was also concerned about the cleanliness of the house.

Musicals at Richter

Godspell will open on Friday, July 23rd. There will be a fundraising cabaret on August 13th. There was a request to re-evaluate the 2021 rent of \$3,000. Mr. Mead made a motion to waive the MAR 2021 rental fee. Ms. Griemsmann seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

MPC-Richter House

Mr. Eberhard has resigned from the Committee. There is a Committee meeting scheduled for June 23, 2021.

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There have been over 20 requests for memorial bricks already. This year will focus on fundraising for the Danbury Amateur and the fall Breakfast. Mr. Priola asked if there is a way to stabilize the bricks. Mr. Mead stated that once the bricks are

engraved and are placed back in, they will be secured better. Mr. Dorsch said that we will pave the front entrance and the Belgium block will be made permanent.

Business Manager's Report

The Danbury Amateur is coming, and participants, sponsors and volunteers are needed.

Head Golf Professional

There were over 6900 rounds in May, with an average of 225 rounds per day. June is off to a great start. There was a leak in the Men's locker room which has been fixed, and the Richter House water heater went, and has been replaced. We are having a great response to the Danbury Amateur so far and the driving range has been very busy. There is a new Yamaha golf cart lease, and there is less than a \$1,000 difference. Mr. Mead made a motion to renew the Yamaha lease. Mr. Eberhard seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**

High School boy's golf is moving to the fall this year. Mr. Pinto recommended to the RPA that they are allowed two days per week with only an hour of tee times max, due to the higher volume of daily play in the fall and daylight hours. The teams will also be charged for passes again in the fall. Several Board Members supported the recommendation.

Grounds and Greens

Due to the high traffic this year, seven holes will need to be re-sodded next year. Mr. Mead stated that he thought the course should have been closed this past Sunday morning for the Men's Club event and open for the Junior golfers in the afternoon due to rain and potential damage, and the cart path around #3 tee should be cleaned up. Mr. Diggs asked about rubber mats on #10, and Mr. Dorsch stated that they are only there on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Financial report

Mr. Mead made a motion to accept the financial reports and place them on file. Ms. Griemsmann seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Finance Committee Report

No report.

Chairman's Comments/Report

Mr. Priola and Dan Rosemark had a zoom meeting with the Chiefs of police and fire departments in Danbury. They believe better cell service would be best for local residents.

The driving range is doing well in its third year and by the end of the year should see revenues around \$500,000.

The RPA are ambassadors for Richter Park and should be supportive of the staff and Richter itself. Mr. Pinto added that Golf Magazine ranked Richter #8 best in CT.

Old business

none.

New business

None.

Mr. Mead made a motion to adjourn at 6:53pm. Mr. Eberhard seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**